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Original Poetry.

O LAY ME TO REST.

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BY H. VANDERFORD.

O lay me to rest when the sun is low,
When he dips his rim 'neath the golden west,
When the crimson fires of sunset glow,
O lay me to rest, O lay me to rest.

O lay me to rest at the twilight hour,
When the shadows flee at the day's decline,
When silence reigns with her magic power,
And hallows the lonely sleeper's shrine.

O lay me to rest when the stars look down
With glittering sheen from their thrones on high
When the winds are lull'd & the stormking's frown
No longer affrightens the placid sky.

O lay me to rest in the green-wood's shade,
Far away from the haunts of busy men—
Far away from the busy marts of trade,
Where naught shall disturb my repose again.

O lay me to rest in the forest's gloom,
Where the night-bird, free from the solar ray,
Her vigils shall keep o'er my lowly tomb,
And chant her wild song till the morning gray.

O lay me to rest till the "promis'd time"
Shall summon away all the truly blest—
Till the funeral knell of earth shall chime,
Then, lay me to rest—forever to rest.

Popular Tales.

Truth Stranger than Fiction.

A TRUE FRENCH ROMANCE.

Knowing that the general class of readers are more interested in tales founded upon facts than fiction, we give the following sketch, which, although rivaling many of those romantic pictures drawn by fiction writers, is vouched for by an old English journal as being founded upon a real life occurrence, and merely polished by the pen of the writer.

A newly-married couple had just come from the altar, and were about starting on a bridal tour as the following conversation took place: The newly-married husband took one of his wife's hands in his own. "Allow me," said he, "thus to hold your hand, for I dread lest you should quit me. I tremble lest this be an illusion. It seems to me that I am the hero of one of those fairy tales which amused me in my boyhood, and which, in the hour of happiness, some malignant fairy steps ever in to throw the victim into grief and despair!"

"Reassure yourself, my dear Ferderic," said the lady. "I was yesterday the widow of Sir James Melton, and to-day I am Madame de la Tour, your wife. Banish from your mind the idea of the fairy. This is not a fiction, but a history."

Frederic de la Tour had, indeed, some reason to suppose that his fortunes were the work of a fairy's wand; for, in the course of one or two short months, by a seemingly inexplicable stroke of fortune, he had been raised to happiness and wealth beyond his desires. A friendless orphan, twenty-five years old, he had been the holder of a clerkship which brought him a scanty livelihood, when, one day, as he passed along the Rue St. Honore, a rich equipage stopped suddenly before him, and a young and elegant woman called from it to him. "Monsieur, Monsieur," said she.

At the same time, on a given signal, the footman leaped down, opened the carriage door, and invited Frederic to enter. He did so, though with some hesitation and surprise, and the carriage started off at full speed.

"I have received your note sir," said the lady to M. de la Tour, in a very soft and sweet voice; "and in spite of refusal, I hope yet to see you to-morrow evening at my party."

"To see me, Madame!" cried Frederic.

"Yes, sir, you—— Ah! a thousand pardons," continued she, with an air of confusion. "I see my mistake. Forgive me, sir! you are so like a particular friend! What can you think of me? Yet the resemblance is so striking that it would deceive any one."

Of course Frederic replied politely to the apologies.

Just as they were terminated the carriage stopped at the door of a splendid mansion, and the young man could do no more than offer his arm to Lady Melton, as the fair stranger announced herself to be. Though English in name, the fair lady, nevertheless, was evidently of French origin. Her extreme beauty charmed M. de la Tour, and he congratulated himself upon the happy accident which had gained him such an acquaintance. Lady Melton loaded him with civilities, and he was not ill-looking certainly; but he had not the vanity to think his appearance was magnificent; and his plain and scanty wardrobe prevented him from doing credit to his tailor.

He accepted an invitation to the party spoken of. Invitations to other parties followed; and, to be brief, the young man soon found himself an established visitant at the house of Lady Melton. She, a rich and beautiful widow, was encircled by admirers. One by one they disappeared, giving way to the poor clerk, who seemed to engross the lady's whole thoughts. Finally, almost by her own asking, they were betrothed. Frederic used to look sometimes at the glass which hung in his humble lodging, and wondered to what circumstance he owed his happy fortune. He used to conclude his meditations by the reflection that assuredly the lovely widow was fulfilling some unavoidable award of destiny. As for his own feelings the lady was lovely, young, rich, accomplished, and noted for her sensibility and virtue—could he hesitate?

When the maraiage contract was signed his astonishment was redoubled, for he found himself, through the lady's love, the virtual possessor of large property both in England and France. The presence of friends had certified and sanctioned the union, yet, as has been stated, Frederic felt some strange fears, in spite of himself, lest all should prove an illusion, and he grasped his bride's hand as if to prevent her being spirited away from his view.

"My dear Frederic," said the lady, smilingly, "sit down beside me and let me say something to you."

The young husband obeyed, but did not quit her hand. She began, "Once on a time"—Frederic started, and half-seriously exclaimed, "Heavens! it is a fairy tale!" "Listen to me, foolish boy," resumed the lady. "There was once a young girl, the daughter of parents well born, and at one time rich, but who had declined sadly in circumstances. Until her fifteenth year the family lived in Lyons, depending entirely for subsistence upon the labor of her father. Some better hopes sprung up and induced them to come to Paris; but it is difficult to stop in the descent down the path of misfortune. For three years the father struggled hard against poverty, and at last died in an hospital. The mother soon followed; and the young girl was left alone, the occupant of a garret of which the rent was not paid. If there were any fairy connected with this story this was the moment for her appearance; but none came. The young girl remained alone, without friends or protectors, harrassed by debts which she could not pay, and seeking in vain for some species of employment. She found none; still it was necessary for her to have food. One day passed on which she tasted nothing. The night that followed was sleepless. Next day was again passed without food, and the poor girl was forced into the resolution of begging. She covered her head with her mother's veil, the only heritage she had received, and, stooping so to simulate age, she went out into the street. When there, she held out her hand. Alas! the hand was white, and youthful, and delicate. She felt the necessity of covering it up in the folds of the veil as if it had been leprosied. Thus concealed, the poor girl held out her hand to a young woman who passed—one more happy than herself—and asked, "A sou—a single sou—to get bread!" The petition was unheeded. An old man passed. The mendicant thought that experience of the distresses of life might have softened one like him, but she was in error. Experience had only hardened, not softened, his heart.

"The night was cold and rainy, and the hour had come when the night police appeared to keep the streets clear of all mendicants and suspicious characters. At this period the shrinking girl took courage once more to hold out her hand to a passer by. It was a young man. He stopped at the silent appeal, and diving into his pockets pulled out a piece of money, which he threw to her, being apparently afraid to touch a thing so miserable. Just as he did this, one of the police said to the girl:

"Ah, I have caught you, have I?—you are begging. To the office with you! come along!"

"The young man interposed. He took hold hastily of the mendicant, of her whom he had before seemed afraid to touch, and, addressing himself to the policeman, said reprovingly: "This woman is not a beggar. No; she is—she is one whom I know." "But, sir," said the officer——

"I tell you she is an acquaintance of mine," repeated the stranger. Then turning to the girl, whom he took for an old and feeble woman, he continued:

"Come along, my good dame, and permit me to see you safely to the end of the street." Giving his arm to the unfortunate girl, he then led her away, saying: "Here is a piece of a hundred sous. It is all I have—take it poor woman."

"The crown of a hundred sous passed from your hand to mine," continued the lady, "and as you walked along, supporting my steps, I then, through my veil, distinctly saw your face and figure"—

"My figure!" said Frederic, in amazement.

"Yes, my friend, your figure," returned his wife, "it was to me you gave alms on that night, It was my life—my honor, perhaps—that you then saved!"

"You a mendicant—you, so young, so beautiful, and now so rich," cried Frederic.

"Yes, my dearest husband," replied the lady, "I have once in my life received alms—once only—and from you; and those alms have decided my fate for life.

"On the day following that miserable night an old woman, in whom I had inspired some sentiment of pity, enabled me to enter as seamstress in a respectable family. Cheerfulness returned to me with labor. I had the good fortune to become a favorite with the mistress whom I served, and, indeed, I did my best, by unwearied diligence and care, to merit her favor. She was often visited by people in high life. One day Sir James Melton, an Englishman of great property, came to the establishment along with a party of ladies. He returned again. He spoke with my mistress, and learned that I was of a good family; in short, learned my whole history. The result was, that he sat down by my side one day and asked me plainly if I would marry him.

"Marry you!" cried I, in surprise.

"Sir James Melton was a man of sixty, tall, pale and feeble-looking. In answer to my exclamation of astonishment, he said: 'Yes' I ask if you will be my wife? I am rich, but have no comfort—no hapiness. My relatives seem to yearn to see me in my grave. I have ailments which require a degree of kindly care that is not to be bought from servants. I have heard your story, and believe you to be one who will support prosperity as well as you have adversity. I make my proposal sincerely, and hope that you will agree to it."

"At that time, Frederic," continued the lady, I loved you; I had seen you but once, but that once was too memorable for me ever to forget it, and something always insinuated to me that we were destined to pass through life together. At the bottom of my soul, I believed this. Yet every one around me pressed me to accept of the offer made me, and the thought struck me that I might one day make you wealthy. At length my main objections to Sir James Melton's proposal lay in a disinclination to make myself the instrument of vengeance in Sir James's hands against relatives whom he might dislike without good grounds. The objection, when stated, only increased his anxiety for my consent, and finally, under the impression that it would be, after all, carrying romance the length of folly to reject the advantageous settlement offered to me, I consented to Sir James's proposal.

"This part of the story, Frederic, is really like a fairy tale. I, a poor orphan, penniless, became the wife of one of the richest baronets of England. Dressed in silks, and sparkling with jewels, I could now pass in my carriage through the very streets where, a few months before, I had stood in the rain and darkness—a mendicant?"

"Happy Sir James!" cried M. de la Tour, at this part of the story; "he could prove his love by enriching you."

"He was happy," resumed the lady. "Our marriage, so strangely assorted, proved much more conducive, it is probable, to his own comfort than if he had wedded one with whom all the parade of settlements, of pin money, would have been necessary.

"Never, I believe, did he for an instant repent of our union. I, on my part, conceived myself bound to do my best for the solace of his declining years; and he, on his part, thought it incumbent on him to provide for my future welfare. He died, leaving me a large part of his substance—as much, indeed, as I could prevail upon myself to accept. I was now a widow, and from the hour in which I became so, I vowed never again to give my hand to man, excepting to him who had succored me in my hour of distress, and whose remembrance had ever been preserved in the recess of my heart. But how to discover that man? Ah, unconscious ingrate! to make no endeavor to come in the way of one who sought to love and enrich you! I knew not your name. In vain I looked for you at balls, assemblies, and theatres. You went not there. Ah, how I longed, to meet you!"

As the lady spoke she took from her neck a riband, to which was attached a piece of a hundred sous. "It is the same the very same which you gave me," said she, presenting it to Frederic; "by pledging it I got a little bread from a neighbor, and I earned enough afterward in time to permit me to recover it. I vowed never to part from it.

"Ah how happy I was, Frederic, when I saw you in the street! The excuse which I made for stopping you was the first that rose to my mind. But what tremors I felt even afterward, lest you should have been already married! In that case you would never have heard aught of this fairy tale, though I would have taken some means to serve and enrich you. I would have gone to England, and there passed my days in regret, perhaps, but still in peace. But, happily, it was to be otherwise. You were single."

Frederic de la Tour was now awakened, as it were, to the full certainty of his happiness. What he could not but before look upon as a sort of freak of fancy in a young and wealthy woman, was now proved to be the result of deep and kindly feeling, most honorable to her who entertained it. The heart of the young husband overflowed with gratitude and affection to the lovely and noble-hearted being who had given herself to him. He was too happy for some time to speak. His wife first broke silence.

"So, Frederic," said she gayly, "you see that if I am a fairy it is you who has given me the wand—the talisman—that has effected all?"

Dublin.

A recent number of the London *Times* paints the following pleasant picture of this Irish city: "Dublin, though capable of much improvement, is quite as well adapted for spectacles of all kinds as London. Its bay is magnificent; its river very pretty; its park four times as large as Hyde Park, and four times as beautiful; its public buildings, if anything, are a little too ambitious; its cathedral is large enough to seat three thousand, and handsome enough to have just now cost a hundred thousand pounds in restoration; its streets and squares are laid out better than our own; its railways are numerous, good, and well managed; its suburban scenery is enchanting and even grand; its atmosphere healthy, pleasant, and clear; its markets are excellent; and its Crystal Palace, where the Royal visitors will open a grand ball in a few days, is in the city instead of being eight miles off. You may spend a long day in the most beautiful mountain or sea-side scenery between breakfast and dinner in Merrion square or St. Stephen's green."

A beautiful ring—the home circle.

Original Poetry.

IN RESPONSO.

Written for the Middletown Transcript,

BY THE ODESSA BARD.

"In kissing then, can there be harm?
I don't think so—do you?"

Dear Lady, from my skeptic's mind
Thou'at cancelled every doubt,
And not a cobweb now remains
For thou hast swept it out.

The logic of thy flowing verse,
Deduced from Nature's plan,
Conclusive proves that Kissing must
A Duty be, of man.

Then since we both agree it is
A Duty—not a Sin—
Sweet Lady, let us lovingly
Our Duties now begin.

Odessa, Del. June 6th, 1868.

Extracts from New Books.

From Homespun.

A MORNING AT THE BROOK.

The Glories of June and October—the Pleasures of Angling, &c.

How much comes of association; and that is the delicious fruit of observation, of temperament, and of time. A brook is, of itself, an idle little thing; yet it possesses very varied combinations of power, after it has once found its way through a susceptible heart. A tree stands out statuesquely in the landscape,—simply a tree, with head, stem, leaves and branches. But we fall into a pleasant habit of sitting in its shadow, and of silently telling over the stories of our sorrows and joys, of our desires and disappointments to the green thatch it builds above our heads,—and from that day this tree becomes a friend, a confidant, and, in truth, a part of our very selves.

Out of the twelve months of the year, June and October are our especial favorites. Perhaps October is fuller of what are really deep delights, the atmosphere then having an infusion—as the skyey cope has a coloring,—of that genuinely spirtual quality which rains down for the soul the true manna of nourishment. The sights and sounds of delicious June are possibly more sensuous than those of dreamy October; the earth, the sky, waters, birds, trees, buds,—all are expressive of the emphasis of promise; and that presents its appeal to the heart through the senses, making it leap up at last, in its very overplus of joy. But Nature is especially given to contrasts; thus she produces her finest effects. June being so wholly distinct from October, its very name reading like a poem in the calendar, it might be expected that the experiences it brings freshly every year might be distinct also.

June is the eastern, as October is the western gate of the Year. She trips in across a carpet of brightest verdure, the posts and pillars and arch at the entrance clustered with vines and burdened with roses. She goes out in majestic pomp and state, canopied with skies that reflect dazzling hues, the cool green transmuted now to scarlet and purple, orange and gold. Yet, June does but throw October into brighter and more beautiful relief. Each makes a fine foil for the other. And, for ourselves, having so long been in the habit of coupling these heavenly months, it never falls to our fortune to enjoy the one without thinking of the other also. In our heart, they were always twinned. Their names alone are like boxes that are compacted with the fragrance of peculiar delights. It is needless for us moderns to hope to surpass the underrated ancients in the bestowal of nomenclatures that are indeed poetic.

A June morning awoke us recently with the low trill of the earliest bird—the song of a tawny-breast robin, whose little heart was swelling with love for its household treasures in a tree hard by. With that first gush of song our soul came to life again. While the morning's gray still enveloping everything out of door, and the rustic household continued its sleep of an innocent care, we made haste to put on our daily attire, and crept silently down the stairs and through the passages. Hastily disposing of a cold bite, and swallowing a draught of sweet "night's milk" with the cream clotting the surface, we pocketed the well-scoured angle-dogs, shouldered our birch fishing-rod, and sallied forth for a little thread of a brook whose every wayward twist and turn had long been perfectly familiar.

It cost a tramp of a mile or more. The dust in the country road lay a little matted under the dews, while, as we trudged on, we caught the ever welcome sound of cattle lowing in the pastures, on this side and the other, impatient for the return of companions that were yarded the night before. There was not the lightest breath of a breeze astir. Now and then, an early bird flitted across from one roadside covert to another, offering us the welcome of a true fellowship with a quick chirp and the flirt of a brown wing. The dappled east was rapidly becoming glorified with the colors that were beginning to pile themselves in such splendid disarray. As we pushed on up the road, more solitary in thought than if the hour were that of midnight, it very forcibly occured to us how much they were the losers who never left their beds out of the accustomed hours. Here was a little fresh morning jaunt, now, worth a good many times the cost, for it took us almost insensibly into the realm of new experiences.

We scaled some mossy bars, ranged off down a slope among a few stunted apple-trees, and, to be brief, were not long in reaching the brookside. Close by was a strip of woods; into which we plunged for a few minutes only, that no possible impression of the morning might be lost upon us. In that cool twilight which seemed braided by bough and leaf, the bird family were just getting up and coming down from their airy chambers. They called gayly one to another from out the windows of their different apartments, as if asking of the new morning that re-created the world for them; and their piping voices echoed through every sylvan arch and along every leafy corridor. The green and velvety mosses under foot were scarcely damp, and the short grasses hardly held a pearl on the points of all their blades, such complete protection the dense umbrage offered against the night dews.

In the heart of the morning silence—which is an awakening rather than a dreaming silence—we were startled by the noise of young cattle roving through the wood, breaking down the tender undergrowth of shrub and brush, and half-boldly, and half-timidly advancing within eyeshot of so unfamiliar an intruder. Their wild eyes, answering to the Homeric epithet, was as full of lustre as the beads of dew that Night had scattered over the grass of the meadow.

Emerging from this verduous temple, and leaving the happy birds behind us, we crept stealthily down to the edge of the wimpling stream, and made the first cast of the morning. The brook, where we stood, was scarcely bigger than our body, —which we cannot in conscience assert has not waxed somewhat since that day; and the shy little Naiad seemed trying to hide itself among the sedges and under the long, rushy grasses. We stood knee-deep now in the wet and matted jungle of the morning, while all around us, in among the slender stems of the grass, insects without name or number were just starting up to enjoy the gay sport of their spanlong summer existence. And while in this half-surprised posture, up came the flaming sun over the eastern hills, and began pouring its golden glory like a flood into the sparkling basin of the meadow.

As we tramped along, making a fresh cast of the line with every few steps, and leaving but a single trail in the heavy grass behind us, each advance revealed to the delighted eye newer and expanded charms. Now the spirit took in the meaning of the freshness and sweet fragrance of Morning. Snatches from the rural poets came singing their way into our heart, like golden-zoned bees driving homeward with freights of honey. Over night, the busy spiders, with the instinct of Penelope, had spun slenderest ropes of very gossamer, and swung them across from one grass-spire to another, each rope, like a suspension bridge, heavy with its strings of pearly dews, which the fancy delighted to believe early passengers.

We frightened a callow bird out of his hiding-place among the tussocks, where he was squatted with upturned bill, waiting in dumb patience for the coming of his provident mother. A lithe and string-like black snake uncoiled himself from the fork of an alder-bush, and slid down with a slump, that is in our ears now, into the water. The homely chewink advertised us of her brisk whereabouts, by her musical monotone in the neighboring thicket of birches. A gay little yellowpoll played an eager air on his bagpipe, as if he would frankly ask us how we liked *that*, so early in the morning. The polyglottal bobolink careered in a sort of drunken delight across the level stretch of meadow, and alighted on a frail rush stem at last, to *swing* out the rest of the little joy he had not strength to *sing*.

By and by, the voices of boys could be heard over on the opposite hill-sides, screaming their shrill "Go-long!" to cows that were too slow for their temper. Next, the hissing sound of scythes, grinding for the morning's work down in the mowing. Then a cart, rattling with a great noise over a stony length of the road. And now, cattle lowing to one another from all the hill-sides,—and young calves bleating,—and the whole day fairly awake with its sounds of life and activity. Still, along down through the meadow we pursued our devious way, casting and recasting our line in the water, twisting our path just as the little brook twisted its own course,—errant and tortuous,—that kept whispering and smiling, prattling and laughing to us, till we ached to know of what pleasant secret the sprite would unburden itself to our ears.

How many speckled beauties were ours, as a tribute from the little brook that morning, a peep into our creel would have readily disclosed; but we found finer things to feed on than trouts in that charmed spot, great as we admire and love even them.

Such a morning, three good hours long as we made it, lies in my memory now like the fresh picture of a world of which we feel that, in some previous existence, perhaps, we may once have dreamed. It was every whit itself. Nothing else could be like it. It would be styled a very cheap pleasure by many, because there was no carriage hire needed to reach it; but such are the only pleasures, let us remember, that are afterwards called up as the green spots of the lifetime. Nothing of this sort can be found up for sale. Money bears no relation to it. High health, deep lungs, an open eye, ready perceptions, and a fresh and innocent heart,—these are all the few and simple conditions.

And yet the world hurries to Newport and the Springs for *pleasure*, and is bored to death with the delights it enjoys in such surfeit! A little idle brook, romping out of the alder thickets and stealing down through the open meadows, shall, for true tranquility and genuine satisfaction, put all their artifices to shame. We never turn away our face from the brookside and start homewards, without repeating the exquisite lines quoted by gentle Izaak Walton and credited by the Father of Angling to Sir Henry Wotton:—

"May pure contents
Forever pitch their tents
Upon these downs, these meads, these rocks, these mountains;
And peace still slumber by these purling fountains,
Which we may every year.
Meet when we come a-fishing here."

THREE THOUSAND YEARS OLD.—The oldest relic of humanity extant is the skeleton of one of the earliest Pharaohs, encased in its original burial robes, and wonderfully perfect, considering its age, which was deposited about eighteen or twenty months ago in the British Museum, and is justly considered the most valuable of its archæological treasures. The lid of the coffin which contained the royal mummy was inscribed with the name of its occupant, Pharaoh Mykerinus, who succeeded the heir of the builder of the great pyramid, about ten centuries before Christ. Only think of it—the monarch, whose crumbling bones and leathery integuments are now exciting the wonder of numerous gazers in London, reigned in Egyyt before Solomon was born, and only about eleven centuries or so after Mizraim, the grandson of old father Noah and the first of the Pharaohs, had been gathered to his fathers! Why, the tidemark of the deluge could scarcely have been obliterated, or the gopher-wood knee-timbers of the ark have rotted on Mount Ararat, when this man of the early world lived.

THE GOOD FORTUNE OF BALTIMORE.—We congratulate Baltimore on her good fortune and good prospects. Mr. Peabody has given her an institute; Mr. MacDonough's legacy of half a million for an Agricultural College, will soon be available, and Mr. Johns Hopkins has given her over a million for a University and promises another million for a Hospital. With her long Baltimore and Ohio line of railway and her leases or control of other lines running for eight hundred miles to Indianapolis, which will enable her to compete with New York and other sister marts for the commerce and carrying trade of those Western regions; with her nwn five ocean steamers and her line of others running to Charleston, she seems on the high road to prosperity—a prosperity which, no doubt, will react on all the other States of the South, and give them new life and hope by such an example of enterprise and energy.—*New York Times.*

The Boston Journal says of the backward spring: "An old farmer of seventy years reminds us that while much is said about the colness and backwardness of the present spring, we have had backward seasons before. On May 3d, 1812, snow fell to cover the ground. The 8th of June, 1816, snow fell in Salem, Massachusetts, and in some parts of Vermont it fell to the depth of one and a half feet. The summer of 1812 was very cold, and but little corn was raised in New England. The summer of 1816 was remarkably cold; on the 20th of August a severe frost occurred, which entirely killed most of the corn in New Hampshire, and in September there was a heavy frost, which pretty much destroyed the corn throughout New England. In 1836 there was frost every month in the year, and 178 days of east wind and rain.

Weston, the walker, is to take another big tramp. This time he goes from Bangor, Me. to St. Paul, Minn. and return to Buffalo, N. Y. making in all 5,000 miles, to be accomplished in 100 consecutive days. The wager is for $25,000 a side, or $50,000 in all. As he will not be allowed to walk on Sundays, he will have only 86 walking days in which to accomplish the feat, and will have to make an average of 58½ miles daily in order to win. He will also have to walk 100 miles inside of 23 hours five times during the march, and forfeits $2,000 for each time he fails in doing this feat. He will walk 50 miles in ten consecutive hours, once in each thousand miles. The first deposit of $5,000 has been made. Weston proposes starting from Bangor about the 18th of August, and terminating at Buffalo on Nnvember 26th.

RAFTING.—The lumber business on the Susquehanna river is still quite brisk. The recent rains, which have been as general in the northern section of the State as they have been in this vicinity, have caused a rise in all the branches, giving the lumbermen an ample opportunity of getting their lumber and timber to market. The river is still in good rafting order from its head down to tide water. On Thursday we noticed a great many rafts going through to tide water, intended for the city markets. We have not any information concerning the price of timber but understsnd it is about three cents less per cubic foot than it was last year.—*Wrightsville Star.*

The M. E. General Conference, which adjourned on Tuesday last, appointed Cornelius Walsh, of Newark, N. J. Daniel Drew, and several other laymen, to build a suitable edifice in New York for the publishing and mission business of the church, at an expense of not more than a million of dollars.

Wit and Humor.

A Place for Fun.

In Wisconsin there is a town called Oshkosh. It is regarded by the people of that section as a "great place for fun." And if we admit that the local definition of "fun be correct, its repute is not undeserved. It chanced recently that a minister from another part of the state started to go to Oshkosh. He had gone a few miles on his journey when he was shocked by meeting a man limping along with the blood running down one side of his face. On being questioned, the man said he had been up to Oshkosh "having a little fun with the boys." Two miles further on another man was met, with an arm in a sling, a bunged eye, and torn clothing. He told the distance to Oshkosh, said it was a live town and that he had been up there "having a little fun with the boys." Pondering on these facts, the minister proceeded pensively until he came to a man seated by the side of the road with a sprained arm and only one ear. He was washing the locality whence the other had been bitten off. The minister stopped and expressed his sympathy. The man averred that it was nothing, he had merely been up to Oshkosh, "having a little fun with the boys." "But" said the minister, severely, "what do you suppose your wife will say when she sees you in this state?" The man smiled a sardonic smile, and putting his hand in his pocket, brought forth a piece of nose, a section of scalp, with hair attached, and a piece of cheek bitten from his antagonist's face, and holding them up to the minister, said: "What do you suppose *his* wife will say when she sees *him?*" The minister silently went his way a sadder and a sager man.

HOW THE GIRLS LOVE.—Hobbs says an American girl loves with her eyes, an English girl with her arms, a French girl with her lips, and Italian and Spanish with all three. A Boston woman capitulates in three months, a New York woman in two, and a New Orleans woman in one. Causes partly climacteric and constitutional, and partly a few words from the old folks in the back room.

When an English parson who also acted as a justice of the peace (which is quite common in England) was heard by one of his parishioners using profane oaths, he replied to the reproof of the amazed rustic "I did not swear as a clergyman, but as a magistrate." "But," retorted the other, "when the devil gets the magistrate, what will become of the clergyman?"

Philosophy says that shutting the eyes makes the sense of hearing more acute. A wag suggests that this probably accounts for so many closed eyes in the churches on Sunday. But he cannot account, upon acoustic principles, for the backward, forward and sideward motion of the head, and for the hanging of the lower jaw.

In chemistry, the best way to separate two bodies is to introduce a third. The same rule holds good in other departments. To increase the distance between two lovers, all that is necessary is for little "Jo" or "Will" to walk into the parlor with a lighted lamp.

A young lady gives the following catalogue of different kinds of love:—"The sweetest, a mother's love; the longest, a brother's love; the strongest, a woman's love; the dearest, a man's love; and the sweetest, longest, strongest, dearest love, a "love of a bonnet."

A pretty girl forcibly and truthfully says:—"If our maker thought it wrong for Adam to be single, when there was not a woman upon earth, how criminally guilty are the old bachelors, with the world full of pretty girls."

Concerning the practice of sleeping in church, Henry Ward Beecher says:—"If a man sleeps under my preaching I do not send a boy to wake him up, but I feel that a boy had better come and wake me up."

A lady teacher who in a fit of vexation called her pupils a set of young adders, on being reproved for her language, apologized by saying that she was speaking of those just commencing arithmetic.

A man was lately invited to a sewing party. The next day a friend asked him how the entertainment came off. "Oh, it was very amusing," he replied; "the ladies hemmed and I hawed."

"I wish," said an irate lawyer, "you would pay a little attention to what I say." "I am," answered the witness, "paying as little as I can."

Wealth, after all, is a relative thing.—He that has little and wants less, is richer than he who has much, and wants more.

Goldsmith thought people should write their own flattering epitaphs, and then live up to them.

If there is one thing more than another which tries a man, it is a—jury.

Some fishermen use cotton for bait; so do some women.

The Middletown Transcript.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 13, 1868.

The New York World has called forth against itself some strictures of the Democratic press on account of its advocacy of Judge Chase, and partial acquiescence in the doctrine of universal suffrage. The World, it is said, is owned by stock-jobbers, in the interest of foreign capitalists, and edited by a man of recognized radical proclivities. It is devoid of political influence beyond its little personal clique. Its systematic effort to radicalize the Democratic party, for the purpose of securing the highest price for American securities, must sink it to the level of ordinary operators upon the public credit, it is alleged, in a Washington letter to the Baltimore Gazette.

One of the greatest needs of the Democratic party, just now, is an able and *orthodox* press, at the great political and commercial centres of the country. There are a plenty of men, having the control of types and presses, and pretending to publish democratic papers, who have never been indoctrinated in the democratic faith, and don't know even the A B C of democracy. We have no one, now, to wield the pens of Ritchie, Green, Kendall and Blair, and to impale upon their polished lances the heterodox moths which buzz so loudly in the political atmosphere of New York, Washington, and some other metopolitan cities.

KINDLY SOLICITUDE.—It is amusing to witness the tender solicitude of the Republican press and politicians for the Democratic party. They seem very anxious that Chase should be their nominee, and that the Democrats should incorporate into their platform, the Chase plank of "universal suffrage and universal amnesty." The Democrats no doubt fully appreciate the kind consideration bestowed upon them by their disinterested Republican friends, but they fear that this delicate piece of chase-work would be rather unsubstantial material for a democratic platform. They feel much obliged to the Republicans for their good offices and kind intentions; but with that self-reliance which has hitherto marked their course, they propose to manage their own affairs in their own way. By dint of diligent search, and a thorough interchange of sentiment and opinion in the convention, they hope to find a suitable candidate among the distinguished men of their own party, and to put him upon a solid platform, wherein is neither chase-work nor mosaic.

K. K. K.—Considerable excitement was created in this town this morning over the Ku-Klux-Klan. Last night long slips of paper were posted up all over town, with a sentence printed on each. Some had "Ku-Klux-Klan," others, "Beware—You are watched," "The Avenger is on his Path," &c. It is stated that a number of young men were seen in a York carriage late last evening, and it is supposed that one of those dangerous Klans of "Ku-Kluxers" has been organized in our midst. It is reported that a similar organization exists in Middletown and other places in the State. We are no alarmists, but evidently "something is in the wind." Let every law-abiding citizen be on his guard.—*Smyrna Times.*

The "Ku-Klux-Klan" of Middletown will smile at the above announcement, and the frightened Smyrna editor himself would hardly be able to repress one, if he were familiar with the little piece of *bagatelle*, out of which the alleged Ku-Klux-Klan of Middletown sprung, and which originated a very grave letter from this place, published in the *Clayton Herald*. If all the "Ku-Kluxers" were as harmless as the fun-loving "Klan" of Middletown, there need be no dread of their nocturnal visitations.

The N. York Tribune has been figuring up the probable result of the Presidential election, and falls ten votes short of the requisite number (159) to elect Grant. "It is certain, therefore," says the Tribune, "that the election of Grant and Colfax requires the Republican party to carry one or several of the doubtful States. Upon the heavy electoral vote of N. York, 33, Pennsylvania 26, and Ohio 21, depends the result of the contest."

It is comforting to the Democrats to believe that all three of these great States are sure for their own candidates. And, not only so, they expect to "carry the war into Africa," or, in other words, to capture a part of the enemy's dominions in the South. They will yet rue the day when they mapped out their "reconstruction" policy.

A copy of the new Wilmington Directory, just issued by Messrs. Jenkins & Atkinson, of the *Commercial*, is upon our table. The typography is neatly executed and the work is got up in a style highly creditable to the enterprising publishers. They have compiled, in this convenient form, a large amount of information which makes the work interesting and valuable not the citizens of Wilmington, merely, but of the State at large. The price, per mail, is $2.25 It is the intention of the publishers to compile a complete Peninsula Directory, for 1869, of over 500 pages.

A change in the Rail Road Time-table, has been made this week. See adv't.

Mr. Hoe, the inventor of the cylinder press, whose patent of 21 years expires in July, is in Washington asking for a renewal, upon the ground that he has not been sufficiently compensated. This is the plea upon which every application for renewal is based, and it ought to be resisted. Twenty years is a long time to enjoy the fruits of a monopoly, and enough to compensate the genius of any inventor. It is due to the public that it should not be extended. Presses of all kinds are twice as high as they ought to be, but the price of the cylinder press is out of all proportion to the cost of material and of construction. The Goodyear patent ought never to have been extended, for monopolies are odious to the people.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.—It is announced that a freight train, with passenger cars attached, will leave Dover at 5.40 P. M. on the 17th inst. touching at all the stations, for Wilmington, to enable the delegates from this county to return the same day. Many persons from this vicinity will go to Dover, besides the delegates, and this arrangement will enable them to return at a convenient hour.

Tertium Quids.—It is supposed that the Chase movement may end in the organization of a third party, but never in making him the candidate of the democrats. Let it "take any other shape but that."

The Quaternions, or a fourth party, is in process of incubation in Baltimore, with Fred. Douglas for President, and Hugh Lennox Bond, for Vice. Both these organizations will tend to weaken Grant.

Gen. Grant expects to spend the summer on his farm near St. Louis. Speaker Colfax and family, it is said, are going to Denver, Colorado, on a visit, as soon as Congress adjourns. In the fall these gentlemen will take a trip together, to the head waters of Salt River.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.—At a meeting held at Blackbird, Appoquinimink Hundred, on Saturday, June 6th, to select five delegates to the State Convention to be held at Dover on the 17th inst. On motion of Mr. Weldon, James Kanely was appointed President and R. Ferguson, Secretary.

On motion of Jos. Roberts the President was instructed to appoint a committee of five to report the names of five persons for delegates to the State Convention. The President appointed Thomas Deakyne, Wm. Weldon, James Roberts, C. Ferguson, and J. C. Vandyke.

The committee reported the following delegates; —Samuel Townsend, Jas. L. David, F. T. Perry, Owen C. Crow and Joseph Hoffman. Which report was adopted.

On motion of J. C. Vandyke, the President was instructed to appoint a committee of five to report the names of five persons for delegates to the County Convention, (to be held at some future day.) The President appointed the following committee: Owen C. Crow, Edward Silcox, Alex. Deakyne, Jas. Kanely, Jr. and William E. Evans.

The committee reported the following names for delegates:—Gideon E. Rothwell, Wm. H. Staats, Henry P. Reading, Edward Silcox, Jr. and David C. Rose. Which report was adopted.

On motion of Jos. Roberts the delegates were instructed to fill any vacancy or vacancies that may occur in said delegation.

On motion of Wm. Weldon, there was a committee of five appointed for the Hundred as an executive committee to serve for two years, or until their successors are appointed, as follows:—Edward Silcox, J. C. Vandyke, Isaac P. Walker, C. Ferguson and James Buckson.

The meeting then adjourned.

JAMES KANELY, President.
R. FERGUSON, Secretary.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.—A meeting of the Democrats of St. Georges Hundred was held at the hotel of Mr. Chance, in the village of Odessa, on Saturday, June 6th.

Gassaway Watkins was appointed Chairman and E. T. Evans, Secretary.

The meeting then elected the following named gentlemen to the State Convention to be held at Dover on the 17th instant: Gassaway Watkins, R. C. Mathews, E. R. Cochran, Thomas Dilworth, Purnell J. Lynch.

Delegates to the County Convention as follows; Samuel Jefferson, W. R. Cochran, H. A. Nowland, R. C. Hayes, Thomas J. Craven.

On motion it was decided that each delegation be empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur.

Ordered that the proceedings of the meeting be published in the *Middletown Transcript* and *Delaware Gazette*.

GASSAWAY WATKINS, Chairman.
E. T. EVANS, Secretary.

EXTRAORDINARY PEDESTRIANISM.—J. Goulding completed, at four o'clock on Saturday morning, in New York, the feat of walking a thousand miles in a thousand hours, for a wager of $2,000. He is greatly overcome by fatigue, however, and his attending physician has forbidden him to sleep more than a few hours at a time until the debilitating effects of his long journey shall gradually wear off. His feet and legs are in a very bad state. But few friends are permitted at present to converse with him. This is the second time only that this extraordinary feat of endurance has been successfully performed.

GRIMES.—Whilst Gen. Butler is making every effort to sift some corruption out of the impeachment corpse, the anti-impeachment Republican Senators are threatening counter investigations and suits for libel. Ross is anxious for the former and Grimes is about instituting the latter.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

A colored man was retailing oysters in the shell, here, on Monday. On inquiry he said they came from Chester river. We wondered how he escaped the vigilance of the minions of the law, in our sister State, where it is unlawful to disturb the bivalves, from April to September, and where the State provides a watchful police to enforce the law. Almost every Maryland paper we open, from the counties bordering the Chesapeake, brings us accounts of the arrest of parties for violating the provisions of the oyster law, which we think are eminently wise and proper. Oysters are much scarcer than they were, some years ago, in the Chesapeake and its tributaries, and the object of the law of last session is to protect the oysters from molestation during the breeding season, when they are really unfit for use. If it be proper to protect game from destruction during the season of increase, it is much more important to protect the oysters, on account of the vast number of persons heretofore engaged in catching them all the year round. Besides, as the catching of oysters is now unlawful, from the last of April to the first of September, it gives the farmers along the water courses an opportunity to employ the oystermen (mostly colored men) in the production of their crops. Hundreds, if not thousands, of laborers in Maryland, have abandoned the farms and taken to their canoes, and subsist by catching oysters. Two days labor in the week will supply their needs, of corn meal, bacon and whiskey, and the balance of their time is too frequently spent in idleness and drunkenness. The labor thus withdrawn from the pursuits of agriculture, since the negroes were set free, is immense, and the farmers along the rivers and bay shores, find it difficult to supply the deficiency. This law will be beneficial, not only in protecting the oysters from destruction, but in supplying the farmers, during the Summer months, with additional labor.

Land in Sassafras Neck, Cecil county, Md. appears to be selling at a rather low figure, judging from several sales recently reported in that neighborhood. It is acknowledged to be the finest district of Cecil, a valuable fruit-growing region, with abundant water transportation, and conveniently located with respect to the projected rail roads; and yet, land sold there last week, at the moderate price of $22, to $60 per acre. The Snethen estate, 187 acres, was sold to W. R. Freeman, for $31.50 per acre. Five farms of the estate of the late Gov. Veazey, were sold as follows: The Mansion House farm, 299¼ acres, to Jams W. Veazey, and sisters, Mrs. Craycroft and Wills, for $60; Holt farm, 130 acres, to same, at $39; Deep Valley farm, 86⅞ acres, to same, at $22; Hill farm to Z. P. Lusby at $25; and the Fishery farm to John A. Lechler, of Philadelphia, for $46 per acre.

The strawberry festival for the benefit of the Sabbath School of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of this town, has been well attended, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. The room is decorated with much taste and brilliantly illuminated; the tables display their tempting delicacies; the ladies wear their sweetest, blandest smiles; and the indispensable AMPHIONS are there, to add the charm of music to the gay and festive scene. The festival will be continued this evening, and it is expected to be the crowning and most interesting time of the festival, as the ladies have no doubt reserved the best wine (figuratively speaking) for the last of the feast.

ANOTHER RACE.—A race will be run over the Warwick course on Tuesday the 16th inst. between the gray horse, "Toney," owned by Mr. Benjamin Crawford, and the roan mare "Kate," owned by Mr. Benjamin F. Kanely, for a purse of $300, distance 600 yards; the race to take place between 2 and 5 o'clock, P. M. "Toney" has quite a reputation as a racer, having been victorious in several well contested encounters. It is expected to be a spirited contest, both animals being noted for speed.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Middletown Hall Co. on Tuesday evening, the following contracts were awarded:—For the Stone Work, to Samuel Davis, of Wilmington; for the Brick Work, to Messrs. Stocktill, Floyd & Brican, of Wilmington; for the Carpenter Work, Mr. W. Graves, of Wilmington; for supplying Stone, to Messrs. McIlvaine & Son, Chester, Co. for supplying Brick, to Messrs. Lewis & Son, Wilmington.

The Agricultural Society of this county were to have held an exhibition of horses and implements at their grounds near Wilmington, yesterday, but it was postponed till Wednesday next. We think it would have done them no harm had they given their exhibition a more extended publication.

The seventeen-year locusts have made their appearance in considerable numbers, and are making the forests vocal with their peculiar melody.

The heavy north-east storm of wind and rain, which set in on Wednesday night, continued, with slight intermissions, up to noon of yesterday. The quantity of water which has fallen is immense; the earth is completely saturated, and the violent wind and rain must have prostrated the wheat in every direction, and probably damaged the crop to a great extent.

A stalk of wheat, 6 feet 3 inches high, also a lot of new potatoes, were left at our office yesterday, by Sam'l. Townsend, Esq. both grown upon his farm near Rehoboth, Somerset co. Md. Who can beat this?

Some thief relieved Mr. Wm. L. Chalk of this town, of a set of harness, a few nights ago. It was kept in the stable and the stable unlocked.

The Commissioners of Cecil county, have assessed the National Bank of Elkton at $30,000, on which it will pay tax.

Delaware Affairs.

TRIBUTE TO EX-PRESIDENT BUCHANAN.—At a meeting of the Democrats of Wilmington, on the 6th inst. the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed in the *Delaware Gazette, Middletown Transcript, Delawarean* and *Philadelphia Age*.

Resolved, That we desire to express in fitting terms our respect for the memory of the late James Buchanan, of Pennsylvania; whose long and useful life, has in the wisdom of Almighty God, been brought to a peaceful and honorable end.

Resolved, That during his long and laborious career, whether in his private profession as a Lawyer, or as a public servant; as Representative in Congress; a Senator of the United States; as United States Minister to the Courts of Russia and Great Britain; or as President of the United States; he has exhibited capacities of the highest order, combined with a personal character free from stain or reproach;—unimpeached and unimpeachable.

Resolved, That as a Constitutional Lawyer Mr. Buchanan stood in the foremost rank of the Statesmen of his own time; the compeer of Clay, Calhoun, and Webster; and ever evinced his conscientious adherence to the letter and spirit of the Federal Constitution—never suffering the ends of party to sway his action or judgement in violation of its provisions.

Resolved, That his honest name; the dignity and purity of his life; his statesmanlike abilities, and great public services; will be cherished by his fellow-countrymen long after the slanders of petty partizan malignity shall be forgotten.

Resolved, That we commend his life and public services to the close study and imitation of our own and succeeding generations, as a true patriot, an able statesman, and sincere Christian.

On motion adjourned.

DR. HENRY F. ASKEW, Prest.
JOHN H. MOORE, Sec.

NEWARK AND AVONDALE RAILROAD.—A meeting of the friends of the Newark and Avondale Railroad, will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall, Newark, on Saturday afternoon, June 13th, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the reports from committees appointed to obtain subscriptions to the capital stock of the road, and for general consultation. This road is designed to connect Delaware City with Parksburg, Pa. It is only 34 miles long, over a country rich in water power, and inexhaustible beds of the best quality of limestone; it will connect with four leading roads in the country, the Delaware Railroad at the junction, Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore at Newark, Baltimore Central at Avondale, and Pennsylvania Central at Parksburg. It will afford an outlet for the Coal, Lime, Iron, Petroleum, and Agricultural products of Pennsylvania, from a point on the Delaware, accessible at all periods of the year, to vessels of the largest size, and will save forty miles in distance over existing routes. The measure is receiving the support of the local interests on the route; Delaware City and vicinity has subscribed over twenty-five thousand dollars; the Pennsylvania interests are prepared to build the road in that State, and at an informal meeting held at Newark, a few days since, pledges of subscriptions were given to nearly fifteen thousand dollars. If the matter is pushed with proper energy, the road can be built at an early day.—*Delaware Journal.*

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Doctor Solomon Sharpe, of the U. S. Navy, while laboring under temporary aberration of mind, yesterday morning, went into the yard with a razor and cut his throat. He was soon discovered and the aid of several eminent physicians secured. The arteries were taken up; the incision sewed up and at noon hopes of recovery were indulged. He is between 60 and 70 years of age and has suffered much from paralysis. He had not been able to leave his boarding-house for a week or two.—*Del. Gaz. of Tuesday.*

The late General Conference which met in Chicago a short time ago, decreed that Wilmington Conference shall include the State of Delaware and the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia.

The good templars throughout the State intend to celeberate the 4th of July by a grand Picnic and Reunion at Milford. Mr. Hunter, "the Children's Friend," will be one of the speakers.

THE EASTERN SHORE STRAWBERRY CROP.—During the week ending on Tuesday 55,732 pounds of Strawberries were shipped from the depot in Princess Anne, Somerset county, to Philadelphia and New York. One farmer picked 2,688 quarts from an acre and a half, with an abundance left.

It has been decided by the proper authorities of Kent circuit, M. E. Church, not to hold a campmeeting the present year.

Letter from Baltimore,

Correspondence of the Middletown Transcript.

BALTIMORE, June 10th, 1868.

The City is quiet at present, and the public mind only occupied by events transpiring in the capital and throughout the country generally, without sufficient of interesting local items to fix the attention at home.

Now that we have had a few days of *real* summer weather, persons are begining to realize the necessity of some rural retreat, near enough to the City to make it convenient of access, and yet far enough removed to avoid the sounds and sights, dust and crowds, of the streets. Many whose business requires their presence in town during business hours, but whose love of nature and fondness for the beauties of the country induce them to seek pastoral scenes, have already began to look around for some desirable locality to spend the summer season. Numerous places are offered, suited to all tastes and conditions, and situated at greater or less distances and to be reached by the different lines of horse-cars, and rail-roads running out of the city. For those of more moderate means, or who cling to the dusty streets from preference, satisfied with an occasional jaunt into the country and a desultory snuff of fresh air, there are offered the advantages of pic-nics to the woods and gardens of the vicinity. For the nautically disposed we find numerous excursions on the Patapsco or the broad waters of the Chesapeake. I must own a preference for the latter. There is something in the broad expanse of water, and the feeling of the bounding steamer that inspires one with a sense of freedom and unrestraint. Standing on the deep, gazing back at the fast receding roofs, spires, and wharves of the City, and then looking forward to the dancing waves glittering and shining in the sunlight, it makes one realize that life is not all one struggle, and turmoil, and grasping after wealth and position, but that it has it's pleasures and beauties. Thus thinking, one can toss off all cares and troubles, and giving ourselves up to the enjoyment of the hour return with renewed energy to the battle of the morrow.

One of the pleasantest places of resort is the White Rock retreat, situated on the shore about an hour's ride in the Steamboat from this city. The grounds have been fitted up to accommodate pleasure parties; and independent of a cool and delightful shady retreat, the finest fishing is offered, together with boating and sailing. The steamers run from Light St. wharf to White Rock almost every hour of the day.

It is true, the Mercantile portion of the community are not very busy, but a certain portion of our citizens are quite actively engaged (and when are they not?) viz: the politicians.

A meeting was held last night, at the rooms of the Democratic Association; and Governor Swann, being introduced, addressed the meeting in a speech of over an hour's length. He defined his position, as utterly repudiating the doctrine of ten States being out of the Union; uncompromising opposition to negro suffrage; and a firm adherence to the principles of the Democratic party. In speaking of the effort of the Radicals to reconstruct the State of Maryland through the instrumentality of Congress, the Governor referred to *Creswell*, saying he (Creswell) was endeavoring to stand in the robes of the late H. Winter Davis, which very much reminded him of a "mere bag of bones in a giants robe." The Governor was not very complimentary to Grant, as a General, and there are many who agree with him in opinion, and think that the ancient French term, "*le boucher*," applied to their great warriors would be equally applicable in this case.

The attack of Butler in the House of Representatives on Monday, on the private Secretary of the President, and Messrs. Merrick and Brent, the Counsel of Mr. Woolley, calling them "conspirators," has brought out the following card, which appeared in the morning papers of this city.

BALTIMORE, June 9th, 1868.

I observe in the morning papers of this city that General B. F. Butler, in the House of Representatives, on yesterday, spoke of Messrs. Brent and Merrick, the counsel of Mr. Woolley as "*conspirators*." I do not know that General Butler understands that such a term implies criminal conduct, and that nothing but his constitutional exemption could secure him from just accountability for so false a charge.

Mr. Woolley was a prisoner charged with contempt at the instance of General Butler. The House, had in justice, allowed him the benefit of counsel in his hour of adversity. As one of his counsel I was on the floor for a few minutes by the invitation of a member, but had been in the gallery for some time before, and when the words were spoken. It was my duty to explain to members the memorial of my client then before the House. This was the extent of my imputed offense.

To what a condition must the heart of that man be degraded who could perceive in the position of counsel just ground to insult those who were defenseless? No one but a being deficient in magnaninity, honor and true courage, would thus wantonly traduce gentlemen engaged in the discharge of a high professional duty. I make this statement merely that the facts may be known, not from any apprehension that my character can be injured by assaults from a man who never held a position which he did not disgrace, and whose name is at this moment the foulest blot on his country's history. If I needed any refutation of this calumny, it would be found in the prompt and manly declaration of Speaker Colfax that the counsel should not be called conspirators, by which he showed his appreciation of justice.

R. J. BRENT.

Mr. Brent is one of the most eminent lawyers of our city, and honored and respected by all who know him; furthermore, he is a man of determination and "*means what he says.*"

Of course no one imagines Gen. Butler has courage enough to reply in the spirit that most men would, to the sentiments expressed by Mr. Brent; but he will either sneak out of it, or brag himself and a few imbecile Radicals into the belief that he is a wonderful hero, but taking good care not to run any personal risk.—Let us wait and see if anything comes of it.

ATHOS.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—At Rock Hall, in the lower part of Kent county, Mr. George Joiner was engaged in building a small vessel, and went in under the hull to remove some of the props preparatory to launching her, when the stays gave way and he was crushed to death beneath the boat.—*News.*

THE SERENADE.

Written for the Middletown Transcript,

BY J. C. M.

"Old Appoquinimink's" white tombs in mellow moonlight sleeping—
The grand old trees, like sentinels, around their night-watch keeping,—
The dewy grass in sparkling sheen lay bathed in gem-like splendor,
And Dian on the scene below smiled down so sweet, so tender:—
The whip-poor-will had ceased his cry, the night-bird told no story,
The church, the tombs, the cool green sward, seemed steeped in silent glory.

Half dreaming in my chair I lay, 'twas midnight's stilly hour,
And o'er my senses stole perfume from shrub, and bud, and flower:
Half dreaming—when there came a strain, was it from earth or heaven?
It rose, it fell, the air grew soft, methought the skies were riven;
Or those sweet notes, perchance, might be from far off spheres of beauty,
Where love responds to love's sweet songs in rapture, and in duty.

Through the cool air, now tremulous with echoes softly stealing,
It seem'd that heaven was kissing earth, its tenderness revealing—
But no—amid those angel-notes manhood's rich tones were blended,—
I sat enraptured by the song, until the strain was ended.
"Nita, Juanita!" sweet refrain, so gentle, so imploring!
Its burthen was, of loving hearts from pain to rapture soaring.

I fully woke, the song I'd heard, that seem'd to steal from Aideen,
Came from a group of loving friends thus kindly serenading.
The strain was hushed—the echoes died—the happy group departed,
And silence waved her noiseless wing around the heavy hearted;
Yet as he turned, and pressed his couch, in dreams he heard those numbers,
That touch'd his waking ear, and now stole sweetly o'er his slumbers.

For the Middletown Transcript.

THE FUTURE.

Can men think of the future?
Of a coming prosperous day?
Of National wealth, and happiness?
While fanatics hold the sway?
Whilst party rules the country,
And the Southern States are dumb,
Can men, I say, look forward
To the crisis which must come?

Can men, but for a moment, think
This "lane will have no turn?"
That Southern blood will not resent,
Nor Southern anger burn?
That *serfs* can rule, with lustful hand,
The *sons* of those who fought,
And helped to gain the liberties,
From England dearly bought?

Is there no hope? No glimpse of light?
To lead our rulers on?
Has God forsaken this bright land,
And sent His curses down?
No! no!! He surely sees us yet,
Our hope is from His hand;
He will not suffer *slaves* to rule
O'er *white men's* homes and land.

ROSALEINE.

Bohemia Mills, June, 1868.

Affairs in Washington.

The "Five State" bill, as it is called, for admitting the Southern States, came up in the Senate on Monday. Mr. Vickers was the first speaker, making his maiden speech since his entry into the Senate. He spoke about two hours, and was listened to with much attention by the Senators. His argument was plain but solid and convincing, showing up the absurdity of the new-fangled radical doctrine of congressional control over the suffrage in the States.

Mr Bowen, fraulently elected Mayor, occupies the Mayor's office, and two separate organizations claim to be the Council of the city, one Democratic, the other Republican. A police force is kept about the City Hall day and night to prevent violence. The struggle, however, is an unequal one, and the Radicals must ultimately hold the power. The white citizens of Washington are not a match for the carpet-baggers, backed by Congress and the negroes.

Mr. C. W. Wooley has answered, by a written statement, the questions of the managers, and accounted for his twenty thousand dollars. His presence in Washington related not to the impeachment, but to the whiskey tax.

A bill was reported on Tuesday for the division of Texas into three States, designed to guard the Senate against Conservative changes in the Northern States by bringing in additional Radical representatives of the negro element at the South.

The Chinese embassy was presented to the House on Tuesday. A similar reception will probably take place in the Senate.

Rumors of Cabinet changes are revivey, but they do not seem to be worthy of credit.

Manager Butler, on Monday, spoke of Wooley's cot ncil, R. J. Brent, and R. T. Merrick, as "conspirators." Mr. Brent publishes a card in the Baltimore Gazette, of Wednesday, in which he says of Butler: "I do not know that Gen. Butler understands that such a term implies criminal conduct, and that nothing but his constitutional exemption could secure him from just accountability for so false a charge. No one but a being deficient in magnanimity, honor, and true courage, would thus wantonly traduce gentlemen in the discharge of a high professional duty. I make this statement merely that the facts may be known, not from any apprehension that my character can be injured by assaults from a man who never held a position which he did not disgrace, and whose name is at this moment the foulest blot on his country's history."

It is rumored that Mr. Evarts is to be nominated as Attorney General, Mr. Groesbeck as Secretary of the Treasury, and Hon. Reverdy Johnson, as Minister to England. Mr. Wooley was discharged on Thursday having "purged himself of contempt," by answering Butler through an examination of four hours, out of which Butler made nothing.

The Arkansas bill having successfully run the legislative gauntlets, went to the President on Monday afternoon to receive his veto.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, and CATARRH treated with the utmost success, by J. ISAACS, M. D. and Professor of Disease of the Eye and Ear, in the Medical College of Pennsylvania, 12 years experience, (formerly of Leyden, Holland,) No. 805 Arch Street, Phila. Testimonials can be seen at his office. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. Artificial eyes inserted without pain. No charge for examination.

Items of News.

Warlike intelligence reaches us from the old world. The Greek Government is reported to have virtually recognized Crete as a portion of the Greek nation, which it is thought will lead to war between Greece and Turkey, to be followed by a general European war, with France, Austria and Great Britain on the side of the Turks. Le Nord asserts that the opinion widely prevails in Paris that a war will break out in Europe before the close of next autumn.

Via Galveston and Brownsville, Texas, we have later news from Mexico, full as usual of revolutions and rumors of revolutions. Advices from Brownsville, Texas, state that the Santa Anna fillibusters will strike Bagdad by the 14th, and are fully prepared to take the place. There is great excitement in Brownsville and Matamoras. Americans are joining in the Santa Anna movement.

In Cambridge the widow of John E. Rook, (the man who recently killed Shadrick Bell, and subsequently hanged himself in jail) attempted to commit suicide on Monday week. She hung herself and was only discovered and cut down when life was nearly extinct. This is the second attempt she has made since the terrible tragedy.

Of the large number of steamers plying between New York and European ports, none of them carry the American flag or are owned in the United States. The Baltimore and Liverpool line is the only strictly American enterprise of this kind, while the steamers of the Baltimore and Bremen line are one-half owned in Baltimore.

A colored man named Jim Williams has been arrested and lodged in Wicomico county jail on charge of being concerned in the recent murder of Captain Johnson and Henry Cannon, of the schooner Brave. He admits that he was on board that vessel at the teme of the murder, but denies having assisted in that dreadful tragedy.

The money market, in New York, shows continued and increasing ease. The specie shipments, this week, are expected to be light. General trade is very dull; gold rather more active, on account of European war rumors. Government bonds are steady.

A resolution has been introduced into the Methodist General Conference condeming the use of tobacco and shutting out from the ministry all persons addicted to the weed in any form.

A report from England says that the Bishop of London has ordered that the President of the United States shall be prayed for along with the Queen and the Parliament.

Work was suspended on Wednesday at Fortress Monroe, guns fired every half hour, and a national salute at sunset, in respect to the memory of the late ex-President Buchanan.

Galena, Illinois, the home of General Grant, was, on Friday, carried by the Democrats by 250 to 300 majority. The Democrats have also carried Racine, Wisconsin.

The municipal muddle in Washington continues, and the Conservative members of the two Boards propose electing an *ad interim* Mayor.

The canker-worm has begun its destruction of the apple crop in many parts of Massachusetts. This will be the fourth year that they have resigned.

Captain Jerome Napoleon Patterson, Bonaparte is at the New York hotel. He came by the last steamer, and is going to Baltimore.

One of the United States soldiers on duty at Georgetown, S. C. was murdered by having his throat cut, by a colored man, a few nights since.

A nugget of gold and quartz, worth twenty thousand dollars, has been found at Remington Hill, Nevada county, California.

There is a prospect of the renewal of Indian troubles along the Upper Missouri, and the Government is making preparations for a general Indian war.

The first lightning rod put up in this country by Dr. Franklin is now to be seen on the old house No. 52 Daniel street, Portsmouth, N. H.

New York city, on Saturday evening, was almost eaten up by mosquitoes, which came over from the Jerseys in solid column.

The yellow fever is raging fearfully at Lima, Peru. In the middle of May, from 200 to 300 persons died daily, and 2,500 were in the hospitals.

The steamer City of Paris recently made the passage from New York to Liverpool in seven days and a half, the quickest time on record.

The trial of Mrs. Victor for the murder of her brother by poison, on whose life she had an insurance of $3,600, has been commenced at Cleveland, Ohio.

James Malada and wife were both murdered at Scaforth, Canada, on Sunday. Their son has been arrested for the crime.

Fifty petitions for divorce have been entered at the present term of Court of Hillsborough County, N. H.

The Manchester Mirror says all the indications are favorable for an immense apple crop in New Hampshire this season.

The first wheat, grown in Panola county, Miss, was sold on change in St. Louis, June 1, for $7 a bushel.

For the first time in six years, New Orleans is said to be at present without a soldier, white or colored.

Colorado offers husbands to a thousand girls this spring if they will come and get them.

A carriage with india-rubber wheels, for the use of invalids, has been produced in London.

One thousand laborers are wanted to work on the construction of the Texas Central Railroad.

John C. Breckinridge's son writes that his father expects to be in Quebec by the middle of June.

Mr. Sprague has been re-elected to the Senate from Rhode Island, without opposition.

Several light snow falls were experienced on the Central Pacific railroad, near the summit, during the past week.

Ex-Governor Buckingham, of Connecticut, recently elected United States Senator, lies dangerously ill in Illinois.

The State Educational Convention will assemble at Dover, on Monday, July 13th, at 2 o'clock.

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☞ All letters should be addressed to THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, Middletown, Del.

ELECTION OF MARYLAND RAILROAD DIRECTORS.—At a meeting of the board of public works held at Annapolis on Monday, the following State directors were elected for one year: Int he Baltimore & Ohio Railroad—Messrs. F. C. Latrobe, George R. Dennis, J· Carroll Walsh, Hugh Sisson, Isaac M. Denson, A. K. Syester, and John V. L. Findlay. Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad Company—Dr. Abram Claude, John T. Mason and W. H. Tuck. Kent County Railroad— Samuel W. Spencer, Richard C. Johnson, and W. T. Spry. Wicomico and Pocomoke Railroad—John R. Franklin, H Humphreys and Garrison Gordy. Maryland and Delaware Railroad —Samuel T. Hambleton, Edward Lloyd and W. C. Satterfield, Eastern Shore Railroad—Wm. S. Parsons, Hugh Jackson and Eli Freeny. Queen Anne's and Kent County Rail-road—Lemuel Roberts, W. McKinney and Charles J. B. Mitchell. Philadelphia and Baltimore Central Railroad—J. J. Heckert. Dorchester and Delaware Railroad—Ed. R. Go-lin and W. R. Hurst, Bohemia Bridge Company—Wm. M. Knight.

LIBEL SUIT.—It is stated by the friends of Senator Grimes that it is the intention of that gentleman to enter suit against the New York Tribune and Cincinnati Gazette for libel. The suit against the former will be based upon a charge in the Tribune that he voted for the acquittal of the President under corrupt influences, and against the latter on a charge that he was guilty of corruption while chairman of the committee on naval affairs during and since the late war.—*Wash. Star.*

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVAL.—The *Centreville Observer* says Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, of Virginia, late of the Confederate army, arrived in Queen Anne's county on Saturday last, and is now the guest of Gen. Richard Cook Tilghman.

MARRIED.

On the 3d instant, by the Rev. H Mathews, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Elkton, Md. Jacob A. Howard and Carrie V. youngest daughter of the late John A. Johnson.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN MARKET.

Wheat, prime red	$2 65
Corn yellow	1 08
" white	1 00
Oats	85
Timothy Seed	3 75
Clover Seed	8 00
Butter	20@25 cts. ℔ lb
Eggs	25 cts ℔ dozen
Chickens	16@18 " "
Lard	19@20 " "
Hogs	10@15 " "
Beef	20@25 " "
Hams	22@26 " "
Sides	19@20 " "
Shoulders	17@18 " "
Potatoes	1 62@1 75 ℔ bush

PHILADELPHIA.

Prime red wheat	$2 70@2 80
Corn, new yellow	1 18
Oats	86@87

WILMINGTON.

Wheat red	$2 75
Corn	1 20
Oats	85@ 90
Flour	$12 50@17 25

WANTED.

A HOUSEKEEPER, to go to Sassafras Neck, Cecil county, Md. References required. For terms, or other information apply to,

WM. M. KNIGHT.
Address,—Cecilton, Cecil Co. Md.

June 13—tf.

HARNESS MAKING.

THE undersigned having commenced Harness making at

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His experience in city and country justifies his promise that

ALL HIS WORK WILL BE OF THE ☞ BEST QUALITY. ☜

And gives him confidence to solicit a share of the public patronage.

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WM. T. GALLAHER.

April 25—tf.

TURBINE WATER WHEEL,

DR. T. J. KINDLEBERGER'S latest improved patent.

Double Centre-Vent Buckeye

TURBINE

WATER WHEEL,

Patented November 4th, 1862, and July 11th, 1865. WM. H. SPRATT, Millwright, Cherry Hill, Cecil county, Md.

April 11, 1868—1y GENERAL AGENT

CAUTION!!

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted to me for the Services of the Horse "SAM PATCHEM," for the season of 1867, not to make payment to any one as I have no authorized agents, and shall hold everyone strictly accountable to me for the insurance money.

J. F. SHALLCROSS.

McDonough, June, 6th, 1867.—2w.

FOR SALE.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS, Celery, Cabbage and Tomato Plants, For sale by

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May 23-2w Near Middletown, Del.

FOR SALE.

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June 6—3m

Delaware Rail Road Line.

Summer Arrangement.

ON and after MONDAY, June 8th, 1868, Passenger Trains will run asfo llows, until further notice:

Train leaving Crisfield 2.45 A. M. will run every morning, except Monday. All other Trains Sundays excepted.

NORTH.

Leave Crisfield,	2 45 A. M.		7.30 A. M.
" Marion,			8 00
" Kingston,			8 20
" Westover,			8 45
" Prin. Anne,	3 30		9 20
" Eden			9 45
" Forktown			10 05
" Salisbury	4 05		10 30
" Delmar			10 45
" Laurel	4 30		11 05
" Seaford	4 45		11 30
" Bridgeville	5 00		11 50
" Greenwood			12 00 M.
" Farmington			12 15 P. M.
" Harrington	5 30	7 00 A. M.	12 35
" Felton		7 15	12 50
" Plymouth		7 20	1 00
" Canterbury		7 20	1 00
" Wil. Grove		7 25	1 05
" Camden		7 35	1 15
" Dover	6 05	7 50	1 30
" Moorton		8 05	1 45
" Brenford		8 10	1 55
" Smyrna		8 05	1 50
" Clayton	6 30	8 20	2 05
" Sassafras R'd		8 25	2 10
" Blackbird		8 35	2 20
" Townsend		8 40	2 30
" Middleto'n	7 05	9 00	2 45
" Mt Pleasant		9 10	2 55
" St Georges		9 25	3 10
" Bear		9 35	3 25
" New Castle	7 45	9 55	3 45
Arrive Wilm.	8 03 A. M.	10 15	4 05
" Philad'a	9 30 "	11 45 A. M.	5 40 P.M.
" Baltimore	1 15 P. M	1 15 P. M.	8 00 "

SOUTH.

Leave Philad'a	11 00 P. M.	8 30 A. M.	5 00 P. M.
" Baltimore	9 00	7 25	2 15
" Wilm	12 25 A. M.	10 10	6 25
" New Castle	12 45	10 30	6 45
" Bear		10 50	7 00
" St Georges		11 00	7 15
" Mt Pleasant		11 15	7 30
" Middleto'n	1 35	11 35	7 50
" Townsend		11 45	8 00
" Blackbird		11 50	8 05
" Sassafras		12 00 M.	8 15
" Clayton	2 05	12 05 P. M.	8 20
Arrive Smyrna		12 15	8 30
Leave Brenford		12 10	8 25
" Moorton		12 20	8 35
" Dover	2 30	12 40	8 55
" Camden		12 50	9 05
" Wil. Grove		1 05	9 15
" Canterbury		1 10	9 20
" Plymouth		1 10	9 20
" Felton		1 20	9 30
" Harrington	3 20	1 40	9 45 P. M.
" Farmington		1 55	
" Greenwood		2 05	
" Bridgeville	3 50	2 15	
" Seaford	4 10	2 35	
" Laurel	4 30	2 55	
" Delmar		3 10	
" Salisbury	5 05	3 40	
" Forktown		4 00	
" Eden		4 15	
" Prin. Anne	5 40	4 50	
" Westover	5 50	5 10	
" Kingston		5 30	
" Marion		5 45	
Arrive Crisfield	6 25 P. M.	6 05 P. M.	

NEW CASTLE TRAINS.—Leave New Castle for Wilmington and Philadelphia at 12 05 P. M.—and on Mondays at 7 45 A. M. Leave Philadelphia 12 00 M. and Wilmington 1 15 P. M. for New Castle.

SMYRNA BRANCH TRAINS.—Additional to those above leave Smyrna for Clayton 11 45 A. M. and 8 10 P. M. Leave Clayton for Smyrna, 8 40 A. M. and 2.10 P. M. to make connection with trains to and from Dover, and Stations South. Also, train will leave Smyrna at 6. 15 A. M. Sundays and Mondays excepted, to connect with express, and return leaving Clayton at 6 45 A. M.

Trains leaving Crisfield at 2 45 A. M., and Wilmington going South at 12 25 A. M. will run in close connection with Steamboats to Norfolk and Portsmouth and Express Trains to and from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. They will stop on the Delaware Railroad Line only at principal stations at which their time is stated. Except that Steamboat Train South will let off passengers from Baltimore at any station to which they have tickets.

E. Q. SEWALL,
April 18. Superintendent Delaware R. R.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, May 12th, 1868.

Upon the application of Mark H. Davis, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Mark Davis, late of Saint George's Hundred, in said county, deceased; it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executor aforesaid, give notice of the granting of Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters, in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the Estate, to present the same, or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided. And also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, and to be continued therein two months.

{ L. S. } Given under the hand and Seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at New Castle, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

R. C. FRAIM, Register.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the Executor on or before May 12th, 1869, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

MARK H. DAVIS,
Executor.
Address—Middletown, Delaware.

May 23—2m



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April, 11-3m

SHERIFFALTY.

To the Democratic Voters of New Castle County:

GENTLEMEN:—At the request of many friends I offer myself as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of New Castle County. Pledging myself to give a hearty and an undivided support to the successful Nominee.

EDMUND B. FRAZER

Wilmington, February 17, 1868—tn

NOTICE.

ONE Instalment, of one Dollar per Share upon the Capital Stock of the Middletown Hall Company will be due, and payable to John R. Hall, Esq. on Monday, June 15th, 1868. Prompt payment of the same is urgently requested.

May 16—5w J. THOMAS BUDD, Secretary.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

THE undersigned, having rented the large and convenient room formerly occupied by Mr. T. E. Jump, at Warwick, has just opened a large and complete assortment of all kinds of

GOODS,

necessary to be kept in a first class store. Having come among you for the purpose of making an honest living, he hopes by close attention to business to receive a share of the public patronage, pledging himself to make it to your interest to give him a call, intending to sell any and all goods as low as they can be bought in any town on the shore; call in and examine, and if it is not so, you are not compelled to buy. No charge for showing goods.

Look at Some of the Prices,

Calicoes, 8, 10, 12 and 16 cents per yard.
Bleached and Brown Muslins, 10, 12, 15, 18, and 23 cents per yard.
Good and all wool Cassimeres, 65, 75, and $1.00 per yard. Fine Black Cloths and Cassimeres from $1,25 to $5,00.

A Fine Stock of Ready Made Clothing

AT VERY LOW PRICES.

GROCERIES.

Brown Sugar, 12½, 16 and 17 cents, White, 17, and 18 cents per lb. Green Coffee, 25 and 30 cents pr. lb. Burnt Coffee. 30 cents per lb.

Good Molasses, 55, cts per gal. Best Syrup, $1,00 per gallon.

Pure Cider Vinegar, 40 cts. per gal. Coal Oil, the very best, 50 cts. per gallon.

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Hosiery, Gloves, Fancy Soaps, Perfumery, Laces, Edgings and Trimmings.

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Oil Cloths, Table Covers, Straw Mattings and Carpetings.

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All kinds of country produce taken in exchange for goods, at the highest market prices.

WOOL WANTED.

The highest market price given for Wool.

Call in and examine, and if there is anything you want and don't see it, call for it and we will have it.

P. S. ☞ Remember no trouble to show goods.

Repectfully;

May 30-1y A. W. SPARKS.

WM L. CHALK'S,

Flour, Feed and Provision Store,

No. 9. WEST MAIN ST.

Middletown, Delaware.

KEEPS constantly on hand the best grades of Flour, Meal and Feed of all kinds, Corn and Oats. Vegetables of all kinds in their season, also, Fresh Meat, Beef, Veal and Mutton, sliced Ham, Dried Beef, Bologna Sausage, Butter and Eggs. Market days—Wednesday and Saturday.

Flour, Feed and Meal, in quantities of 50 lbs. and upwards will be delivered to purchasers free of charge. All the above articles will be sold at the very lowest Cash prices, all goods cash on delivery. Thankful for the liberal Patronage of the past year, I hope by strict attention to business to merit a continuance of the same.

P. S.—Having made arrangements with the Odessa stage driver, to take orders for me, I will visit Odessa, three times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and deliver Flour, Meal and Feed, in quantities to suit. Orders delivered to Mr. Money, will receive prompt attention. This arrangement will be continued with Mr. Chance or his driver, at the expiration of Mr. Money's time.

Having made arrangements with the Celebrated Miller, Mr. Drummond, to be supplied with his best Flour, I can sell the same at his own retail prices. Farmers and others from the country can be supplied, without the trouble of driving to the mill, by bringing their money to No. 9. and get their food for Man, and Beast.

May 30-tf

Excelsior Reaper & Mower.

New Yorker Reaper & Mower.

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Woods' Reaper & Mower.

STONER STEEL TOOTH RAKE.

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10,000 SALMOM BRICKS,

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Teeth Extracted Without Pain,

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J. J. VANDERFORD, D. D. S.

May 9-tf Middletown, Del.

NOTICE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Fruit Grower's Association of Delaware and Maryland, will be held at the Hotel of William T. Chance, in the Village of Odessa, Del. on

Saturday, the 13th day of June, 1868.

at one o'clock, P. M.

JOSEPH W. VANDEGRIFT,
Secretary.

May 30-tm ODESSA, Del.

☞ Cecil Democrat, Delaware Republican, Chestertown Transcript, and Smyrna Times publish till meeting, and send bill to advertiser.

SHERIFFALTY.

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GENTLEMEN:—I again offer myself as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of New Castle county, pledging myself to give a hearty and undivided support to the successful nominee.

JAMES ARMSTRONG.

Newark, February 22, 1861—tn

To the Voters of the Democratic Party of New-Castle County.

GENTLEMEN:—Encouraged by many friends I am induced to offer myself as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff for the county of New Castle, pledging myself to abide by the nomination of the Democratic party, and give my hearty support to the successful candidate.

JACOB RICHARDSON.

Wilmington, February 22, 1868—tn

LIVERY STABLE.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES for hire at the Stables of L. R. Davis' Middletown Hotel. The horses are safe, and careful drivers will be provided when desired. Terms moderate. Apply to THOS. MURRAY,

Jan. 4.—y, At the Stables.

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RESPECTFULLY announce to their friends and the public generally, that they have just received and are constantly receiving direct from the Importers and Jobbers a large and splendid stock of Spring and Summer Goods of the latest Styles and Patterns, consisting in part of

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OF ALL COLORS.

BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED MUSLINS

of the best standard make.

A LARGE STOCK OF

WHITE GOODS AND TRIMMINGS,

Hosiery, Gloves, Notions, &c.

HATS AND CAPS.

Groceries, Hardware, Queensware &c.

in fact everything usually kept in a first class Country Store, and at the very lowest prices the markets can afford.

We have also bought of Mr. D. McKee, his entire stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

OF HIS OWN MANUFACTURE,

which in connection with our General Stock will be offered at greatly reduced prices.

Thankful for your heretofore bounteous patronage, we hope by strict attention to business to share a continuance of the same.

On account of the Credit System being so thoroughly reduced among the Wholesale Dealers and Jobbers, our TERMS will be hereafter 6 months credit, or 5 per cent off for cash.

SCOWDRICK & MOORE.
May 2-y Middletown, Del

NEWARK MACHINE WORKS.



THE DIAMOND STATE

Thresher and Cleaner

WE call the attention of Farmers to our improved Diamond State Thresher and Cleaner, with double acting Separator. The practical operation of these machines is such as will warrant us in advising those wanting Threshers and Cleaners to examine ours before purchasing elsewhere. We manufacture three sizes, No. 1, 36 inch cylinder, No. 2, 30 inch cylinder, No. 3, 26 inch cylinder. They are of the best materials and workmanship, and

Warranted to Suit Purchasers.

Large or small powers can be used to drive them as desired. Galvanized sheet iron is used for Seives and Shaker bottoms. They are unequaled in strength; durability and ease of running, doing their work rapidly and in the best manner. The machine is a model of simplicity in its construction and operation, and the price of it below that of others in the market. The double shaker separates all the grain from the straw, none is wasted, and the crimped sieves and the peculiar motion of the fan shoe makes it a cleaner unsurpassed. The shoe can easily be detached from the separator and the machine used as a Thresher and Separator alone. Two and three Horse Endless Chain Railway Powers with steel bearings—Pelton and other Lever Powers. Send for a circular.

Address— CASHO & Co. Newark, Del.
May 23—3m Joel Pusey, General Agt.

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The War Between the States;

Its Causes, Character, Conduct And Results,

By Hon. Alex. H. Stephens.

IT will present a careful political analysis of the past, separating *real* from *apparent* causes of the late unhappy conflict, and give those interior lights and shadows of the great war *only* known to those high officers, who watched the flood-tide of revolution from its fountain-springs, and which were so accessible to MR. STEPHENS from his position as second officer of the Confederacy.

It will be printed from a beautiful, clear, new type, on fine calendered paper, made expressly for this work, comprised in two large volumes of about 650 pages each, illustrated with numerous fine steel engravings, and furnished to subscribers in neat and substantial binding, at the following prices, payable on delivery:

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4th. To avoid delaying the Agent, whose time is valuable, subscribers are requested to be prepared with price of the book on its presentation by the Agent.

NATIONAL PUBLISHING Co. Publishers.
JOHN A. LOOBY,
May 23—tf Agent.

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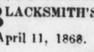
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LITTLE ROSE.

She comes with fairy footsteps—
Softly their echoes fall—
And her shadow plays like summer shade
Across the garden wall.
The golden light is dancing bright
'Mid the mazes of her hair,
And her fair young locks are waving free
To the wooing of the air.

Like a sportful fawn she boundeth
So gleefully along;
As a wild young bird she caroleth
The burden of a song.
The summer flowers are clustering thick
Around her dancing feet,
And on her cheek the summer breeze
Is breathing soft and sweet.

The very sunbeams seem to linger
Above the holy head,
And the wild flowers at her coming
Their richest fragrance shed.
And oh! how lovely light and fragrance
Mingle in the life within;
Oh! how fondly do they nestle
Round the soul that knows no sin.

She comes—the spirit of our childhood—
A thing of mortal birth,
Yet bearing still the breath of Heaven,
To redeem her from the earth.
She comes in bright-robed innocence,
Unsoiled by blot or blight,
And it passeth by our wayward path,
A gleam of angel light.

Oh! blessed things are children—
The gifts of heavenly love,
They stand betwixt our worldly hearts
And better things above;
They link us with the spirit world
By purity and truth,
And keep our hearts still fresh and young
With the presence of their youth.

Our Olio.

Hints for Everyday Use.

Favor yourself? Show a little Christian charity toward the patient body that performs the behests of your will, if you haven't any toward the soul that is helping you upward. Don't expect too much of yourself!

Take trouble cooly. Do not despair when the dark hour of trial comes down upon you, as it must, sooner or later, upon us all. Nature never folds her hands in despair when the lightning strikes down the noblest oak in all the forest. Not she! She goes to work and covers the unsightly black stump with blossoming vines and velvet moss and silver-outlined lichens, until it is lovelier than it was before. Just borrow a suggestion from the mighty mother when you are inclined to despond.

Don't go round with a face a quarter of a yard long! What right have you to inflict your woes on society at large? A man who can't look cheerful ought to be locked up somewhere until his countenance ceases to be a libel on the bright world around him. Is there no one who has ever known trial save yourself? Troubles are like snow-balls, they gather size as they go, until some day you will be crushed beneath their weight. If you once make up your mind that you are an ill-used personage, there will be plenty of collateral evidence on hand to prove it. Nobody ever yet looked for a grievance without finding it. Be a man, and resolve to conquer yourself. Starve your trouble to death—give it nothing to feed on—no brooding thought, no morbid sympathy; and when it is dead, bury it—roll a great stone over its grave and start afresh.

Give yourself a fair chance in life. Let black draughts and patent medicines alone. A brisk walk in the open air, once a day without fail, is better than pills and potions. Be good company for yourself, too. Don't go out, sauntering along, with your hands in your pockets and your head sunk down upon your breast, imagining that you are taking excellent exercise. You might as well be traveling over the tread mill. Think of pleasant things—call up bright remembrances—freshen your mind and brain as well as your body. If you were entertaining company, you would not range all your cares and trials and tribulations before them by way of light conversation. Why should you be less considerate of yourself? Leave your afflictions at home—*they* need no exercise—and take a blessing with you to ponder on, as you walk. There is no man so poor that he has not at least *one* blessing to accompany him on his daily walk.

Speak pleasantly to those at home.—Cross words are like the rows of dominoes we used to set upon the table in our childish games. When one fell, it drew after it ruin indeseribable. One cross word seldom lacks company—it is contagious.

Do your share toward keeping the world in good-humor. Courtesy is cheap, and he who can give nothing else, certainly can afford a polite word and a pleasant look. There are enough curmudgeons to more than balance civilized society, and you certainly owe your allegiance to the latter.

Look on the bright side of things? If it rains to-day, look out for sunshine and blue sky to-morrow. Don't take it for granted that every man you meet is a villain; don't spend your time in trying to guess at "the motive" of your neighbor's kindly deeds. It takes no more breath to laugh than it does to groan, and it is an infinitely more becoming process to the face!

Take things as they come and never say, "I would rather it had been any other sorrow!" It is never safe to open a debt and credit account with the Almighty? There is a Hand beyond the darkness that scatters blessings, if only you wait its time, patiently.—*Phrenological Journal.*

A large flowered and fleshy plant, which flourishes in British Columbia, Oregon, and California, possesses a most astonishing tenacity for life. Botanists have great difficulty with the plant, for it will revive after being dried, pressed, and lain in an herbarium for several years. Dr. Lyal once immersed a species of the plant in boiling water to stop its propensity, yet more than a year and a half afterwards it showed symptoms of vitality, and in May, 1863, produced its beautiful flowers in the Royal Gardens at Kew.

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DANCING.—Says Cowper, in one of his letters, "I could never find that I could learn half so much of a woman's character by dancing with her, as conversing with her at home, when I could observe her behavior at table, or at the fireside, and in all the trying scenes of domestic life. We are all good when pleased, but she is the good woman who wants not the *fiddle* to sweeten her."

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It can be set to average any number of grains desired to a hill.

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All who have used these Droppers agree in the opinion that the corn comes up more regularly after them, and there is less re-planting to do, because they drop a more regular number of grains to a hill, and every grain is sure to be in the gross, where they are covered alike.

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MIDDLETOWN, *March* 15, 1866.

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March 14—3m

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Jan. 4—y.

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February 8, 1868—tf

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CHESS & CHECKER MEN,

GAMES OF ALL KINDS.

Rubber Pencils and Penholders, Writing Fluid Ink Stands, Pocket Cutlery, Rogers' Scissors, Sleeve Buttons, Studs, Breast Pins, Finger Rings Spectacles, Violin Strings, Combs, Brushes, Nail and Tooth Brushes, Gum Bands, Watch Keys, Key Rings, and Puff Boxes.

A Fine Assortment of Colgate & Co's. Soap.

PHALON'S NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS,

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Lamps, Lamp Chimneys, Wicks and Coal Oil.

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Call and examine, at

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A FULL LINE OF CLOTHS AND

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January 25—1y

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January 18—1y

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Repairing neatly and promptly attended to. Special attention given to the repairing.

All work warranted to give perfect satisfaction.

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January 25—tf

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Jan 18—6m Middletown, Del.

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5. The Apocryphal Gospels, and fragments of Gospels supposed to be lost.

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All work done with neatness and despatch.

He invites the public to give him a call, as he flatters himself that he will be able give satisfaction to all who favor him with their custom.

All orders will be thankfully received and promptly attended to.

January 11—6m

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January 4, 1868—6m

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L. R. DAVIS, Proprietor.

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Middletown, January 4, 1868—1y

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All work warranted. Jan 4—tf